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The Sri Chitra State Council met in the Legislative Chamber, Public Offices, at 12 noon with the Dewan-President in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls :—

1. Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker (*Secretary to Government*)
2. Rajyasevapravina K. P. Padmanabha Menon (*Electrical Engineer to Government*)
3. Mr. L. Sankaranarayana Pillai (*Food Grains Purchase Officer*)
4. Mr. S. N. Ure (*Public Service Commissioner*)

Salt.

18. ❋ **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing :

(*a*) the quantity of salt necessary for the Taluks of Parur, Kunnattunad, Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha per annum ;

(*b*) the average quantity of salt usually stored annually in the Government godowns at Munambom in the four years previous to the stoppage of the import of Bombay salt ; and

(*c*) the average quantity of salt stored in the said godowns in the years 1117, 1118 and 1119 ?

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Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner*) :

(*a*) 2,60,000, maunds on an average.

(*b*)	1109	2,07,754 Maunds.
	1110	2,19,836 ,,
	1111	2,47,737 ,,
	1112	2,97,186 ,,
(*c*)	1117	58,492 Maunds.
	1118	1,31,410 ,,
	1119	1,07,282 ,,

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : In view of the answer to part (c) that the quantity of salt stored is within less than 50 per cent. of the quantity that is necessary, may I know whether it is not necessary to store the required quantity of salt in the depots ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan : Sir, the salt available at the disposal of the Department is not sufficient to supply the needs of the four taluks. So, only a part of it is stored. I may inform the honourable member that last year out of 1,61,000 maunds stored there, only 1,28,260 maunds were sold actually. The demand was then less than the stock in the Depot.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know from the honourable member what the reasons were for not selling the balance of the stock ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan : It may be that the salt merchants bringing salt direct from the factory were selling salt at reasonable price. I may inform the honourable member that the Department is concerned only with the manufacture and storage and not sale in the various taluks. We have in the factory about three times the normal demands of the country and the only difficulty is that of transport.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know, why the consumption of salt per head is larger in 1118 ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan : These figures are not very correct for calculating actual consumption, because we have calculated these figures only on the issue basis. Perhaps there was a large stock at the end of the year with the dealers. These figures only show the quantity of salt issued.

Bridge across the Kallada river.

19. ❋ **Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai** (*Quilon cum Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any representations were made to Government for the construction of a bridge across the Kallada river at Kariminpuzha ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Chief Engineer, P. W. D.*) : Yes.

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